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FM AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST

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INFO AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

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SUBJECT: ROMANIAN MIDDLE EAST POSITION

1. ROMANIAN CENTRAL PRESS DEC. 18 GAVE CEAUSESCU'S MEETING WITH AHMED YOUNES, HEAD OF VISITING EGYPTIAN AGRICULTURAL DELEGATION AND ARAB SOCIALIST UNION CC MEMBER, DISPROPORTIONATELY WARM AND EXTENSIVE COVERAGE, INCLUDING FRONT-PAGE TREATMENT AND LARGE PHOTO. ACCORDING TO SCINTEIA ACCOUNT, YOUNES EXPRESSED TO CEAUSESCU IN DEC. 17 MEETING "HIGH APPRECIATION" OF ROMANIA'S MIDDLE EAST POSITION AND "WARM THANKS" FOR CEAUSESCU'S PERSONAL "CONTRIBUTION AND ACTIONS" TOWARD ME POLITICAL SOLUTION.

2. COMMENT: YOUNES'S REMARKS ARE FIRST WE HAVE SEEN BY ANY ARAB OFFICIAL SPECIFICALLY PRAISING GOR'S POST-OCTOBER ME POLICY. THEY WERE NO DOUBT WELCOMED BY GOR TO COUNTER PREVAILING IMPRESSION HERE THAT GOR HAS COME UNDER ARAB PRESSURE TO ALTER ITS EVENHANDED TREATMENT OF ISRAEL.

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HOWEVER, EGYPTIAN POLITICAL COUNSELLOR YOUSSEF (WHO HAS NOT

BEEN PARTICULARLY WELL INFORMED DURING ME EVENTS) DISPARAGED YOUNES AS "A FARMER" WHO WAS TAKEN IN BY ROMANIAN HOSPITALITY AND FLATTERY AND MAY NOT ACCURATELY REFLECT EGYPTIAN VIEWS. HE OPINED THAT, RE: ARAB PRESSURE ON GOR, ARABS WERE "PATIENT" AND DID NOT EXPECT GOR TO CHANGE VIEWS TOWARD ISRAEL OVERNIGHT. BOTH YOUSSEF AND SOV COUNSELLOR PESHCHERSKY HAVE RECENTLY SPOKEN OF ROMANIA AS BEING MORE VULNERABLE TO A BOYCOTT OF ITS EXPORTS TO ARAB OR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES THAN TO CURTAILMENT OF ITS CRUDE OIL IMPORTS.

3. MEANWHILE, MEETING WITH CEAUSESCU DEC. 18 OF KUWAITI AMBASSADOR TO MOSCOW (AS REPRESENTATIVE OF KUWAIT'S RULING EMIR) IS LATEST IN SERIES OF CONTACTS WITH ARABS TO "EXPLAIN" GOR'S ME POSITION.  
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